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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
A, B AND C OF REF A:

A. KUWAIT AGENCIES MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PREPARATION
OF GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT (GOK) POSITION ON COMMODITIES/
UNCTAD COMMON FUND ISSUES ARE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ALSO
BEING CONSULTED. KEY INDIVIDUALS ARE UNDERSECRETARY OF
FINANCE MINISTRY SHAIKH ALI KHALIFA AL-SABAH, DIRECTOR OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AMBASSADOR MOHAMMAD
AL-SADDAH AND HIS ASSISTANTS FAISAL AL-GHEIS AND NAJEEB
AL-RIFAI, LATTER HAVING RECENTLY RETURNED TO MINISTRY FROM
POSTING IN KUWAITI MISSION AT GENEVA, WHERE HE DEALT WITH
UNCTAD COMMON FUND ISSUES. COMMERCE MIN ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY
FOR FOREIGN TRADE ALI AL-WAZZAN ALSO IS CONSULTED. GOK POSITION
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MOST LIKELY WOULD BE FORMALLY APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, WITH CONCURRENCE OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

B. KUWAIT AMBASSADOR TO UN ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA
DABBAGH WAS AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR KUWAIT DURING MARCH
UNCTAD CONFERENCE ON COMMON FUND. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES
INDICATED THIS WOULD BE LIKELY TO HOLD TRUE FOR NOVEMBER-

DECEMBER MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH THEY SAID THAT IF NEED AROSE, OFFICIAL FROM KUWAIT MIGHT BE SENT TO GENEVA FOR THESE MEETINGS.

C. IN DISCUSSING UNCTAD/COMMON FUND ISSUES, AL-GHEIS AND RIFAI INDICATED THAT KUWAIT INTEREST IN SUBJECT STEMS FROM FOLLOWING FACTORS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY: 1) POLITICAL: INTEREST IN SUPPORTING THIRD/WORLD G/77 CAUSE, 2) ECONOMIC: EFFECT OF COMMODITY FLUCTUATIONS ON WORLD ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY ON ECONOMIES OF LDC'S, 3) COMMERCIAL: EFFECT OF COMMODITY PRICE FLUCTUATIONS ON KUWAIT, WHICH IMPORTS ALMOST ALL THAT IT CONSUMES. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION SHAIKH ALI KHALIFA AL-SABAH, MUCH MORE INFLUENTIAL REMARKS ABOUT UNCTAD G77 EFFORTS TO PUSH COMMON FUND, SAYING THAT IT WOULD HAVE RELATIVELY LITTLE BENEFIT FOR LDC'S. "THEY ARE FOOLISH TO CONCENTRATE THEIR ENERGIES ON THE COMMON FUND, WHEN TEN OTHER IDEAS WOULD GET THEM MORE. THEY HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT UP IN THEIR OWN RHETORIC, PUSHING SOMETHING THEY DON'T REALLY NEED," HE TOLD E/C SECTION CHIEF.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID THAT GOK POSITION DEPENDS ON FURTHER DISCUSSION WITHIN GROUP OF 77 AND SUB-GROUPS SINCE KUWAIT FOLLOWS &/77 POSITION CLOSELY. IT APPEARS TO US THAT KUWAIT, NOT ITSELF BEING A COMMODITIES PRODUCER, LOOKS ON PARTICIPATION IN GROUP OF 33 AS PRIMARILY A PR POLITICAL EXERCISE TO SHOW ITS CONCERN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THIRD WORLD. AT 1975 LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE KUWAIT REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO START SOLIDARITY FUND FOR PROTECTING PRICE OF RAW MATERIALS WITH CONTRIBUTION OF \$1.2 BILLION AND TO HOUSE AND FINANCE THIS FUND'S ADMIN-ISTRATING ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER THIS OFFER APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TIED TO AFRICAN/NAC ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL. WE DOUBT THAT KUWAIT, WHICH OFTENTIMES BALKS BEFORE IT PROVIDES AID TO ITS ARAB BRETHREN, WOULD LIGHTLY PROVIDE LARGE SUMS FOR COMMODITY FUND.

3. KUWAITIS APPEAR FAIRLY WELL UP ON ISSUES. SHOULD US OFFICIAL BE IN AREA AND WISH TO COME TO KUWAIT SOME USEFUL MEETINGS COULD BE ARRANGED. HOWEVER, PASS EXPERIENCE WOULD TEND TO INDICATE THAT MUCH OF NEGOTIATION IS LEFT TO KUWAITI DIPLOMATS IN GENEVA AND THEREFORE THAT REPRESENTATIONS THERE, POSSIBLY WITH SOME FOLLOW UP HERE BY EMBASSY, SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ASKED US WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK PROPOSAL. WE REPLIED THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT US NOW WISHES TO ACHIEVE AIMS OF IRB THROUGH INCREASED SUPPORT OF EXISITING MULTILATERAL

INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS WORLD BANK. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
FURTHER INFORMATION ON METAMORPHASIS OF IRB PROPOSAL WHICH
DEPT CAN PROVIDE.
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